

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

A ~~The invention provides a system for determining whether a patient benefits eligibility is eligible to receive benefits~~ under a healthcare assistance program. Initial patient information, such as the patient's date of birth, household members, medical condition including pregnancy, ~~and the members of the patient's household, the patient's medical condition, including pregnancy, and the patient's income and financial resources, if available, is used to make an initial determination as to whether the patient is likely to qualify for benefits. The initial patient information is compared to a set of well-established criteria and probability models. The well-established criteria are based on judicial or agency eligibility determinations. The probability models are based on past experience in obtaining benefits for patients.~~ If the initial patient information satisfies one of the well-established criteria or the probability models, ~~then~~ additional patient information is obtained, typically including. ~~The additional patient information typically includes additional details about the patient's income and financial resources, as well as the income and financial resources of the patient's household other members of the patient's household.~~ The patient information is compared to the eligibility requirements for the assistance program. If the comparison indicates that it is likely that the patient will qualify for benefits under the assistance program, then an application for the assistance program is provided and the application is completed and submitted.